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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The office communication dated December 11, 2003, required restriction of the claims in the application identified above to one of two groups as follows:

I. Claims 1-3, drawn to a method of food processing.

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II. Claims 4-9, drawn to an apparatus.

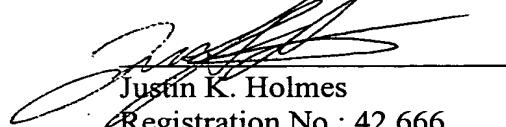
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In response, Applicant elects without traverse Group II and Claims 4-9 which are readable thereon.

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In view of the present election, it is believed that this application is in condition for further consideration and examination. If resolution of any remaining issues are required prior to examination of the application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below.

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